



# THE GREENVILLE ROTARIAN

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## RI President King to speak in Greenville Wednesday

Rotary International President Rick King will be the featured speaker Wednesday, July 25th, at a special dinner for all Greenville County Rotary Clubs. This is the first time in almost 30 years that a Rotary International president has visited Greenville. The event is at the Hyatt Hotel, with the reception at 6 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m.



The Tuesday meeting for our Club has been cancelled. The Rick King dinner takes the place of the July 24th meeting. Most Rotary Clubs in Greenville County have cancelled their meetings for the week of July 23rd because of the importance of the Rick King visit.

King and his wife, Cherie, will participate in what promises to be a memorable event in the life of the 11 Rotary Clubs in Greenville County. Our Club still has a few tickets available (\$20 for Rotarians, \$30 for guests).

In addition to giving what promises to be a dynamic and inspirational speech, President Rick will participate in a ceremony to induct new Rotary members and recognize new Paul Harris Fellows and Rotary Foundation Benefactors.

Be at the Hyatt Wednesday for a night that Rotarians in Greenville will be talking about for years!

## Greenville must 'win' tourist competition

Greenville needs to improve its won-loss record in the highly competitive game of attracting meetings and conventions to the city, and to do that it must have a convention center that can "compete in the marketplace," says the leader of the Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Chris Stone, who spoke at the July 10th Rotary meeting, said that Greenville so far has been a winner in only 40 percent of its efforts to lure groups to the city for meetings and conventions, while losing out on those additional dollars 60 percent of the time. "We want to improve our performance by switching those percentages around," he said.

Turning his attention to the Palmetto Expo Center, which is being purchased by the city, Stone told Rotarians, "It is not good enough just to save the Palmetto Expo Center. We must also renovate and enlarge it."

The head of the CVB described tourism as the "icing on the cake" for Greenville's economy. He said it pumps money into such attractions as the city's dining facilities, events at the BiLo Center, and offerings in the field of the arts — things which he said "cannot be supported by Greenville residents alone."

He said the Palmetto Expo Center has averaged 400 to 500 events a year with an economic boost to Greenville of approximately \$36 million annually.

Noting that sites other than the Pleasantburg Drive location of the Palmetto Expo Center have been proposed, including land on Verdare Boulevard, Stone joked, "We're going to construct an inflatable convention center that we can move around so everybody will have a chance to have a convention center."

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## A day of transition, recognition



*Phillip Kilgore leads the applause for new Rotary president Beth Padgett, who later honored Phillip as a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his 2000-2001 presidency. Looking on are his father, Don, and Jim Blakely, representing the Rotary Foundation.*

## Kilgores named Paul Harris Fellows

July 10th was a day of transition for Phillip Kilgore. It also was a day of recognition for the former president and his family.

Phillip, who earlier had turned the gavel over to Beth Padgett and received a standing ovation for his leadership of Greenville Rotary, was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow in appreciation for his 2000-2001 term as president.

His father, Don, was recognized as a First-Level Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Also named Paul Harris Fellows were Phillip's brothers Scott and Michael, who is a member of an Atlanta club, and his mother, Jean.

Earlier, the past president was informed that Greenville Rotary had received a 2000-2001 Presidential Citation. Past District Governor Harriett Skinner said the citation "illustrates the dedication of you as president and of the Rotarians of your club to lead the way in each of the Four Avenues of Service this past year."

## President's Corner

You've probably seen those little blue buckets as you're coming into a Rotary meeting. They're for a really good cause.

The coins go toward research aimed at attempting to find a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. The Rotary program officially goes by the name CART — Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust. The blue buckets are for your spare change, or a spare dollar, or even a check written out to the CART Fund.

When I was at Springmaid Beach a few months ago for the District Conference, I had a special opportunity to see what those coins tossed into the blue buckets every couple of weeks can do. Past District Governor Bill Clark and District Governor Nominee Bruce Baker presented a check for \$250,000 to Dr. Gary Landreth, a top Alzheimer's researcher at Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio.

The money was raised by the 11 Rotary districts in the three-state area of South and North Carolina and Georgia. The grant recipient was chosen by the CART board of directors, and they hope to award another grant in 2002.

So please drop a few coins into the blue buckets every meeting. Just think what a few quarters can do!

— Beth Padgett

## The Family of Rotary \_\_\_\_\_

**A**t the July 10th meeting, **David Shi** joined the ranks of Paul Harris Fellows in Greenville Rotary.

**Allen McSween** has had two articles published recently — a chapter entitled “Overcoming Our Reality — The Irony of Power in Matthew’s Passion Account” in “Reading the Bible in Faith,” published by Eerdmans Press, and “When Our Myths Are Shattered” in “A Journal for Preachers.”

**Hank Sitton** has been named president of the South Carolina Automotive Dealers Association. **Scott Christopher** was selected as a board member of the association.

**Matt and Betsy Shouse** are parents of James Matthew Shouse Jr., born on the Fourth of July. Proud grandparents are **Coleman and Irveta Shouse**.

*Greenville Magazine* has recognized **Jay Hewitt** as one of Greenville’s “best and brightest” for 2001.

Do you have news for The Family of Rotary? If so, send it to [don@baptistcourier.com](mailto:don@baptistcourier.com), call 232-8736, fax 232-8488, or mail to P.O. Box 2168, Greenville 29602.

## New Members Proposed \_\_\_\_\_

**Douglas A. Bowling**, Senior Minister, Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, under the classification of Christianity-Methodist (Active), sponsored by Coleman Shouse and John Redmond.

**H. Thomas Finch III**, Funeral Director, Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, under the classification of Funeral Director (Active), sponsored by Thomas McAfee and Frank Kolb.

**Robert A. “Bob” Knight**, Public/Government Relations, Brett Public Relations, under the classification of Public Government Relations (Past Service — member of Five Points, Columbia and Greenville Clubs), sponsored by Roland Knight and Mel Duncan.

**Michael W. Pope**, Vice President, Bank of Travelers Rest, under the classification of Banking (Active), sponsored by Randy Bell and David Ott.

**Paul Wickensimer**, Clerk of Court, Greenville County Court, under the classification of Clerk of Court (Past Service — North Greenville Club), sponsored by Nell Stewart and Kinard Johnson.

**Kelly Wood**, Director of Community Relations, National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA), under the classification of Community Relations (Active), sponsored by Dan Wood and Elizabeth Lyons.

**James T. “Jim” Wright**, Vice President-Human Resources, Bowater Inc., under the classification of Human Resources (Past Service — Dunwoody, Ga., and Pine Bluff, Ark.), sponsored by Niles Ray and Frank Kolb.